

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, and the above Amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

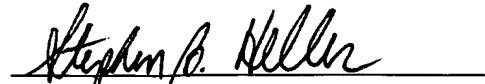
Claims 1-11 and 16-28 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, claims 1, 2 and 7 are rejected as being anticipated by Shibamoto et al. 6,346,973. Claims 19, 20 and 23-27 are rejected for being anticipated by Yabe et al. 4,809,078. Claim 28 stands rejected for being anticipated by Kim 6,262,785. Claims 3, 10, 11, 16-18, 21 and 22 stand rejected for being obvious over Shibamoto et al. in view of Flannery 2002/0086711 A1. Claims 8 and 9 stand rejected as being obvious over Shibamoto et al. in view of Yamazaki et al. 6,424,326. Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected as being obvious over Shibamoto et al. in view of Katsura 6,377,324. This action was made final.

In response, each of claims 1, 2, 19 and 28 have been amended to recite the feature that the EL display has a plurality of pixels, each one of the plurality of pixels has a light emitting element. The light emitting element displays the image in embodiments 1 and 7 of the present application. In contrast, none of Shibamoto et al., Yabe et al., and Kim disclose this feature. In Shibamoto et al., EL panel 2 is the light source used for illumination of the operation panel 31. Yabe et al.'s EL panel is the light source to illuminate the liquid crystal panel 51 (see Specification at col. 7, lines 27-40).

With respect to rejections of claims 3-5, 8-11, 16-18, 21 and 22, each of these claims is dependent from one of the amended claims 1, 2, and 19, and should now be allowable for the same reasons as their base claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 1, 2, 19 and 28 have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a first display device for displaying an image; and

a second display device comprising a touch input operational portion,

wherein the first display device and the second display device are attached to each other in a longitudinal direction or in a lateral direction,

wherein the first display device is one of a liquid crystal display device and an EL display device and the second display device is the other one of the liquid crystal display device and the EL display device, and

wherein the EL display has a plurality of pixels, each one of the plurality of pixels has a light emitting element.

2. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a cover member comprising a first display device for displaying an image; and

a second display device comprising a touch input operational portion,

wherein the cover member and the second display device are attached to each other so as to allow opening and closing,

wherein the first display device is one of a liquid crystal display device and an EL display device and the second display device is the other one of the liquid crystal display device and the EL display device, and

wherein the EL display has a plurality of pixels, each one of the plurality of pixels has a light emitting element.

19. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a cover member comprising an EL display device for displaying an image; and
a reflection display device,

wherein the cover member and the reflection ~~liquid crystal~~ display device are
attached to each other so as to allow opening and closing, and

wherein the reflection display device is made to display by irradiating light
emitted from the EL display device, and

wherein the EL display has a plurality of pixels, each one of the plurality of pixels
has a light emitting element.

28. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a first display device;

a second display device; and

a third display device provided between the first display device and the second display
device,

wherein the first display device, the second display device, and the third display
device are attached to each other so as to allow opening and closing,

wherein each one of the first display device, the second display and the third
display device is one of a liquid crystal display device and an EL display device, and

wherein the EL display has a plurality of pixels, each one of the plurality of
pixels has a light emitting element.